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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Giovanni Abatangelo et al. ) Group Art Unit:  
Serial No.: not yet known ) Examiner:  
Filed: not yet known )

For: BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL COMPRISING AN EFFICACIOUS CELL  
CULTURE OF A BIOCOMPATIBLE AND BIODEGRADABLE THREE-DIMENSIONAL  
MATRIX CONSISTING OF A HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE

New York, NY 10036  
December 7, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed prior to examination  
to revise the claims to reduce the filing fee. Kindly amend  
the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-27 and add the following claims:

- 29. A biological material comprising:
- a) at least one cell type selected from the group consisting of endothelial cells, glandular cells, skin adnexa, germinative cells of hair bulbs; and
  - b) a biocompatible and biodegradable three-dimensional matrix comprising at least one hyaluronic acid derivative selected from the group consisting of:
    - A) an ester of